

**REMARKS**

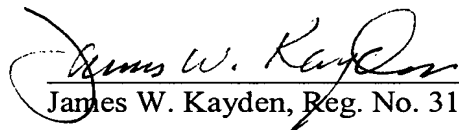
Applicant is submitting this Preliminary Amendment amending the specification to include headings and correct other minor informalities. The claims are amended to conform to a conventional U.S. format, to remove multiple claim dependencies, and to correct minor informalities. Specifically, Claims 1-16 are canceled without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer, and claims 17-36 are added.

Favorable consideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned agent at (770) 933-9500.

Respectfully Submitted,

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